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SUBJ: MAY 7 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. PRES' PRESS CONFERENCE

NYT, SUN CARRY COMPLETE TRANSCRIPTS PRES' 7:30 PM MAY 6
TV PRESS CONFERENCE. MANY PAPERS HEADLINE OR FRONT-PAGE
PRES' DISAPPOINTMENT, ANGER, AT WIDE DOMESTIC OPPOSITION
TO VIET REFUGEE INFLUX. NYT'S BINDER NOTES ANTAGONISM
TO VIET RELIEF PROGRAM SPREAD ON HILL AND CONGRESSIONAL,
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WH MAIL MAINLY AGAINST. WP'S KILPATRICK/MARDER POINT OUT
PRES REJECTED IDEA OF HILL INQUIRY ON US VN INVOLVEMENT;
CALL SK, TAIWAN SUPPORT STATEMENTS AMONG STRONGEST MADE
LAST NIGHT. SUN'S TREWHITT BELIEVES PRES, IN EFFECT,

APPEARED REAFFIRMING US INTEREST IN NATIONS WHERE MIGHT BE IN QUESTION AFTER SVN FALL. WSJ'S FARNEY CALLS CONFERENCE "OPTIMISTIC, UPBEAT." NOTES DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS GENERALLY ASSUMED US WOULD SEEK PLAY DOWN ROC DEFENSE TREATY IN INTEREST OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH PRC; BUT PRES REAFFIRMED COMMITMENT, THOUGH DID NOT ELABORATE.

2. INDOCHINA

AFL/CIO'S MEANY DENOUNCES CRITICS OF US ADMISSION VIET

REFUGEES (CAHILL, NYDN). CONGRESSIONAL MAIL CARRIES "UNIFORMLY HOSTILE" MESSAGE ON VIET REFUGEES (STUART, CSM). W VA'S SEN BYRD PREDICTS CONGRESS WILL NOT APPROVE FULL 507 MILLION DOLS ADMIN REQUESTED FOR VIET REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT SINCE NO POLITICAL, GRASS-ROOTS SUPPORT FOR IT (MEYER, WP; PHINQ). DOS'S BROWN TELLS PRESS FOREIGN AID MONEY BEING USED FOR REFUGEE EVACUATION WILL BE EXHAUSTED WITHIN WEEK (MEYER). REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT NEEDS SPONSORS, FUNDS (WINDER, CSM). THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS SWAMP DOS WITH OFFERS JOBS, TEMPORARY HOMES, FINANCIAL AID FOR REFUGEES (SHAFFER, WP). FED DISTRICT JUDGE IN SF WILL HEAR REQUEST THAT NO MORE VIETS BE GIVEN US REFUGE UNTIL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FILED (WSJ). SEN SCOTT (PA) CRITICIZES MCGOVERN'S PROPOSAL TO REPATRIATE VIETS (UPI, NYT).

SEVERAL PAPERS CARRY STORIES, PICTURES, OF NGUYEN CAO KY, NOW SETTLED IN TENT WITH REFUGEES AT CAMP PENDLETON. DOD SAYS ALMOST 12,000 REFUGEES SO FAR PROCESSED THROUGH THREE US RELOCATION CENTERS, SENT ON TO NEW HOMES (UPI, NYT). US DESTROYER ARRIVES SUBIC WITH 200 REFUGEES; WILL BE FOLLOWED BY 5 SHIPS WITH OVER 5000 (REUTER, NYT). OVER 5000 REFUGEES ARRIVE GUAM ON CARGO SHIP (UPI, NYT). CAPTAIN OF SHIP THAT BROUGHT 5000 TO GUAM SAID AT LEAST 50,000 LEFT BEHIND IN BOATS IN WATERS OFF SAIGON (AP SUN, NYDN; WP). SEVERAL PAPERS CARRY HUMAN-UNCLASSIFIED

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INTEREST STORIES OF VIET REFUGEES, INCLUDING CASE OF AMCIT WHO TRIED, BUT FAILED, REACH SAIGON TO TRY FULFILL PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO VIET FRIEND; ALSO INSTANCE OF VIET WOMAN WHO ARRIVED US WITH CHILDREN AND THEN FOUND AMCIT HUSBAND REMARRIED.

QUAKER MD RECALLS DA NANG FALL (AP, PHINQ). DEPARTURE OF LAST AMERICANS FROM SAIGON WAS SAD SPECTACLE, THOUGH THERE WAS PLENTY OF GRIM JOKING (SOUTHERLAND, CSM). LAST MARINE TO LEAVE VN TELLS TALE (UPI, BALTO N-A 5/6). BODY OF 1 OF LAST 2 MARINES KILLED IN VN LEFT IN SAIGON HOSPITAL (GLOBE).

NEW SAIGON GOVT MAY LIFT NEWS BLACKOUT SOON, WITH
ADMISSION REPORTERS FROM SOCIALIST-BLOC COUNTRIES
(UPI, NYT; PHINQ). PRG SAYS HAS MADE NO DECISION
ON FUTURE OF VN OFFSHORE OIL DEPOSITS (AFP, WP).
US BANKS TRANSFERRED UNCLAIMED DEPOSITS TO CENTRAL
BANK BEFORE LEAVING SAIGON. THOUSANDS OF S VIETS
MAY NEVER BE ABLE CLAIM DEPOSITS (UPI, NYDN). RADIO
SAYS NEW SAIGON GOVT WILL BE INTRODUCED TO PEOPLE AT
MASS RALLY (AP NYDN, SUN). NEW REGIME SAYS LIFE RETURNED
TO NORMAL IN SAIGON (AFP, NYT). NEW SVN RULERS TAKE

OVER EMBASSY IN PARIS (AP, NYT). FEARS OF VIET BLOOD-
BATH MAY BE DISAPPEARING (SOUTHERLAND). SVN EMBASSY
IN WASHINGTON CARRIES ON IN DIPLOMATIC LIMBO (DELANEY,
WSTAR 5/6). NVN AIRLINE WILL REPRESENT AIR FRANCE IN
HANOI (AFP, NYT). UN SPOKESMAN AT NY SAYS SVN-BASED
PERSONNEL ALLOWED STAY, WORK, BUT THOSE IN CAMBODIA
EXPELLED (AP, SUN).

TWO CHARTERED PLANES CARRY CAMBODIAN REFUGEES FROM
THAILAND TO US, FRANCE (UPI, PHINQ). GROUP OF 357
FRENCH AND FOREIGN REFUGEES FROM PP ARRIVED PARIS,
PLEADED WITH PRESS NOT PRINT ANYTHING THEY MIGHT HAVE
SAID ABOUT PP CAPTURE (UPI, NYT). VIGIL BEGINS AT
THAI FRONTIER FOR ARRIVAL OF REMAINING REFUGEES EVACUATED
FROM FRENCH EMBASSY PP (ANDELMAN, NYT). DOS SAYS 80
KHMER LEADERS AND WIVES EXECUTED. THAILAND ARRIVAL
OF 2ND AND FINAL CONVOY OF REFUGEES FROM FRENCH EMBASSY
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EXPECTED RELEASE FLOOD OF INFO ABOUT KHMER ROUGE TAKE-
OVER. GROUP EXPECTED MAY 8 OR 9 (CSM).

NEW CAMBODIAN GOVT SAYS WILL NOT ALLOW FOREIGN TROOPS
ON SOIL; NOT KNOWN WHETHER REFERS TO NVA. KHMER
BUSINESSMAN REFUGEE SAYS WITNESSED EXECUTION 15
OFFICIALS OF DEFEATED GKR IN BATTAMBANG (WP). FRENCH
SOURCES REPORT POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICT AMONG KHMER
INSURGENT FACTIONS. COMMUNISTS SEEM FOR MOMENT
TO HAVE UPPER HAND IN PP (BRADSHER, WSTAR 5/6).
POSSIBLE SINO-SOVIET STRUGGLE COULD BE SHAPING UP IN
CAMBODIA; SOVIETS FURIOUS AT BEING DEPORTED FROM PP
WITH OTHER FOREIGNERS (WSTAR).

MIL SOURCES SAY PRESSURE FORCED RETREAT OF VIENTIANE
TROOPS (REUTER, NYT), THREATENS CAPITAL AS PL
EXTEND CONTROL OVER VIENTIANE-LUANG PRABANG ROAD (CSM).
AFP REPORTS RUMORS GEN VANG PAO HAS OFFERED RESIGN.
INDOCHINA EVENTS HAVE LED TO SHARP DEPRECIATION
LAOTIAN CURRENCY (WP).

2. JAPAN

MOFA WEDNESDAY ANNOUNCES JAPAN RECOGNIZED NEW SVN
COMMUNIST GOVT (REUTER, TOKYO; WP).

3. KOREA

GOVT, OPPOSITION LEADERS AGREE TUESDAY CALL ASSEMBLY
SPECIAL SESSION ON SECURITY; EXPECTED ADOPT RESOLUTION
WARNING NK NOT STAGE RECKLESS ACT AGAINST SK, AND
CALLING ON UN, FRIENDLY NATIONS, BACK SK SECURITY

(UPI, PHINQ).

SUN MYUNG MOON'S UNIFICATION CHURCH BUYS FORMER
COLUMBIA U CLUB BUILDING IN MIDTOWN NYC FOR 1.2
MILLION DOLS; PLANS MOVE US HQ THERE WITHIN FEW
WEEKS, ACCORDING SPOKESMAN (NYDN).

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PM LEE TELLS COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE JAMAICA RAPID US
MILITARY WITHDRAWAL FROM ASIA COULD LEAD TO SINO-
SOVIET POWER STRUGGLE THERE. SAYS THAIS MUST MAKE
"U-TURN" AWAY FROM ALLIANCE WITH US, REACH ACCOMMODATION
WITH PEKING TO PREVENT FUTURE POWER STRUGGLES, BECAUSE
PRC "MORE BENIGN" OF COMMUNIST POWERS AND HAS NO
TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS ON THAILAND (WSTAR 5/6).

GOS SPOKESMAN SAYS 7,112 SVIET REFUGEES NOW WAITING
IN HARBOR ON 46 VESSELS FOR FUEL, FOOD, BEFORE TRAVEL
ON, PROBABLY TO GUAM (AP, NYT).

5. AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND

CSM'S SCHMIDT NOTES WHITLAM, ROWLING AND WILSON SCHEDULED
MEET PRES WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, EN ROUTE HOME FROM
COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE; EXPECTS THEM DISCUSS US POST-
VN ASIA POLICY, AND FORESEES US ASKING ASSURANCES
THEY WILL TAKE LARGER NUMBER SVIET REFUGEES.

6. THAILAND

CHATICHAI TUESDAY SAID US AGREED SUSPEND REMOVAL FORMER
VNAF PLANES. JETS ALREADY REMOVED TO US CARRIER AT SEA.
DOS CONFIRMS AGREEMENT. HANOI DENOUNCES RTG "COMPLICITY
WITH LOOTERS," CHARGES FORD ADMIN "BLATANTLY PILLAGED
PEOPLE'S PROPERTY" (AP, SUN, NYDN, PHINQ; WSJ).

PALLING (WP) SAYS AMEMBASSY REFUSES DISCUSS SUSPENSION
EVEN AFTER ANNOUNCED BY DOD; US CHARGE MASTERS DECLINES
COMMENT ON 25-MINUTE MEETING WITH CHATICHAI TUESDAY,

PRESUMABLY DISCUSS PLANES.

CHATICHA TELS PRESS RTG AGREED STUDY SECDEF CLAIM
US RETAINS CONTROL OF PLANES UNDER MAP AGREEMENT (AP,
NYT), BUT PLANES SHOULD REMAIN IN THAILAND WHILE RTG
STUDIES US, DRV, PRG CLAIMS (CSM).

DOD TUESDAY SAID MIDWAY DEPARTED THAI WATERS, WITH
JETS, OTHER PLANES ALREADY REMOVED ON BOARD (AP, NYT,
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SUN).

AF SEC MCLUCAS IN NY TUESDAY TOLD PRESS PLANES LEFT
IN SVN DO NOT POSE THREAT OTHER SEA NATIONS BECAUSE
"INEFFECTUAL AT THIS STAGE AND WILL BE WORSE IN SIX
MONTHS" (PHINQ, NYDN).

MOFA SPOKESMAN SAYS FIVE-MAN NK DELEGATION DUE ARRIVE
BANGKOK WEDNESDAY TO DISCUSS ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS (AFP, WP).

7. CHINA

PRC PLANS OPEN SPECIAL TRADE FAIR COLOGNE JUNE 13-25,
BELIEVED LARGEST OF KIND HELD OUTSIDE MAINLAND. FRG
THIRD LARGEST TRADING PARTNER OF PRC, AFTER JAPAN, US;
LAST YEAR, GERMAN-CHINESE TRADE TOTALED 663 MILLION
DOLS (JOC, COLOGNE).

PRC CHARGES RECENT SOVIET NAVAL MANEUVERS REVEAL
"LIMITLESS DESIRE OF THE SOVIET REVISIONISTS FOR SEA
HEGEMONY" (CSM 6/5).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. INDOCHINA

FINDING HAK (IN THIS WEEK'S NBC/TV "TODAY" SHOW INTERVIEW)
ASCRIBING VN DEFEAT TO ADMIN'S INABILITY TO CONDUCT
FOREIGN POLICY AS IT SAW FIT, PHINQ (MAY 6) SAYS
KISSINGER DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE GRASPED TRUISM THAT NO
US FOREIGN POLICY CAN BE SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT INFORMED
CONSENT OF AMERICAN PEOPLE.

GARRY WILLS (WSTAR MAY 6) INDICTS AMB MARTIN AS DECEIVING
AND DECEIVED; LABELS SAIGON EVACUATION FITTING BUNGLED
END FOR BUNGLED WAR (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

BASED ON HIS VN EXPERIENCE, DON LUCE PREDICTS RECONCILIA-
TION, NOT BLOODLETTING, WILL BE MOST LIKELY COURSE OF
NEW SVN REGIME (LAT MAY 6). WSTAR (MAY 6) VIEWS WITH

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GUARDED OPTIMISM ABSENCE OF SVN BLOODBATH; FEELS SOME APPRECIATION OF WORLD OPINION DEFINITELY IS FLICKERING AMONG NEW SVN RULERS (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). NYDN CITES DOS SPOKESMAN ANDERSON'S MAY 6 REPORT THAT 80 FORMER GKR OFFICERS HAVE BEEN EXECUTED, AND, "EVEN MORE OMINOUS," REFUSAL OF SEVERAL HUNDRED FOREIGNERS LEAVING CAMBODIA TO DISCUSS WHAT THEY SAW IN PP. SUSPECTS CAMBODIA "BRUTAL OUTRAGES" RELATIVELY MILD IN COMPARISON WITH SLAUGHTER THAT MAY TAKE PLACE IN SVN.

WSTAR'S NOYES (MAY 4), VIEWING RESULTS OF POPULAR HOPE THAT DETENTE WITH SOVIET AND PRC MIGHT HELP SOLVE US PROBLEMS IN INDOCHINA, SUGGESTS WE "QUIT KIDDING OURSELVES"--WHETHER COMMUNIST MOVEMENT MONOLITHIC OR DIVIDED, US IS STILL SUPER-ENEMY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

PRINCETON U PROF GOLDMAN FEARS VN DEFEAT COULD BRING NEW WAVE OF MCCARTHYISM CONCERNING WHO "LOST" IT (PHINQ). ALEXANDER WOODSIDE, OF HARVARD U, SAYS VIETNAMESE THINK ALMOST ALWAYS IN HISTORICAL TERMS, WHILE AMERICANS DISREGARD HISTORY; NOTHING WAS MORE AMERICAN THAN ATTEMPT CREATE "NEW NATION" IN SVN, IN PRETENSE PREVIOUS VN HISTORY DIDN'T COUNT; COMMUNIST SVN WILL BE ESSENTIALLY VIETNAMESE (GLOBE).

RESTON (NYT MAY 4) FINDS HAK'S ONE WORRY ABOUT VN "DUNKIRK" IS PROSPECT HE WILL BE CHARGED WITH NEGOTIATING MUNICH-LIKE SURRENDER IN PARIS. SUGGESTS WRENCH OF KISSINGER RESIGNATION MAY BE PRECISELY WHAT WE DON'T NEED AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WSTAR (MAY 4) SAYS ROCKEFELLER CONFESSION HE REMAINED SILENT ABOUT VN WHILE GOVERNOR LEST NY'S CHANCES OF RECEIVING FEDERAL MONIES BE HURT, CASTS HIM IN UNFLATTERING LIGHT (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYT SAYS PRES FORD FULLY JUSTIFIED IN MAY 6 PRESS CONFERENCE TO EXPRESS CONCERN AT QUERULOUS, UN-CHARITABLE REACTION OF TOO MANY AMERICANS TO PLIGHT OF VIET REFUGEES (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). PHINQ SAYS ADMIN'S 507 MILLION DOL REQUEST FOR REFUGEE RESETTLE-
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MENT IS REASONABLE, HONORABLE RESPONSE TO TRAGIC SITUATION. PHILA BULLETIN (MAY 2) SUGGESTS SOME MONEY THAT WOULD HAVE GONE TO SVN CAN BE CONSIDERED OFFSET TO COST OF AIDING VN REFUGEES. HEARST'S CONSIDINE (BALT N-A MAY 6) MAINTAINS VN REFUGEES

WHO COME HERE WILL BE INFINITELY BETTER-CARED-FOR
THAN IF THEY HAD BEEN ABANDONED IN SVN.

WP'S BRODER REGRETS SEEING US EMERGING AS KIND OF
COUNTRY THAT SENDS HALF-MILLION MEN TO SMALL NATION,
FINANCES SEVEN YEARS OF WAR, SHATTERING ECONOMY AND
SOCIAL ORDER, AND THEN BALKS AT ACCEPTING IN RETURN
150,000 PEACEFUL REFUGEES INTO SOCIETY OF 210 MILLION.
WSTAR'S MCGRORY (MAY 6) SEES DISPUTE OVER VN REFUGEES
PROVING WE ARE NATION OF DOVES, WILLING ACCEPT ANY
CONSEQUENCES OF STOPPING WAR EXCEPT FINDING ROOM FOR
ITS MOST UNATTRACTIVE VICTIMS HERE.

9. JAPAN

NYT LAUDS TOKYO EFFORTS, TO MODERATE POLLUTION --
CONCLUDES CITIZENS THERE CLOSER THAN NYORKERS TO
GRASPING BASIC FACT WE ALL SHARE COMMON VULNERABILITY,
LIMITED RESOURCES, AND RESTRAINT REQUIRED TO KEEP
PLANET HABITABLE (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

INSTEAD OF ENDLESS, DAMAGING WRANGLE ABOUT INDOCHINA
MARQUIS CHILDS (SUN) CALLS FOR REASSESSMENT OF ASIA
POLICY, BEGINNING WITH JAPAN, WHERE RELATIONS HAVE
BEEN ERODED BY 20 YEARS OF INDIFFERENCE, NEGLECT AND
"NIXON SHOCK" (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

AP (CSM) REVIEWS ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL TROUBLES,
AND ESPECIALLY PUBLIC FEARS ABOUT SAFETY WHICH SET
BACK JAPAN'S AMBITIOUS NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM, ONCE
CONSIDERED ANSWER TO OIL SQUEEZE.

10. KOREA

HUMAN EVENTS (5/3) CITES SK CONCERN ADMIN HAS LOST
WILL TO OPPOSE COMMUNISM IN ASIA, AND RELUCTANT RESPOND
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NK ATTACK BECAUSE OF GROWING RESTRICTIONS BY CONGRESS.
STATES SK NOT HELPED BY WAY AMB. SNEIDER, STAFF PLAY
DOWN RECENT NK VIOLATIONS OF 1953 TRUCE, INCLUDING
NK TUNNELS, NAVAL PROBES, FLIGHTS OVER SK TERRITORY.

11. THAILAND

SUN RECOMMENDS US USE DISCRETION IN DEALING WITH
FRIENDLY ASIAN GOVTS AFTER VN FIASCO; FOR NOW,
ASSERTS BEST INTERESTS OF BOTH SERVED BY REDUCING
US PRESENCE IN THAILAND TO POINT WHERE CAN NO
LONGER BE EXPLOITED BY COMMUNISTS WITHIN OR WITHOUT
COUNTRY (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

12. PHILIPPINES

NYT STATES SEN AQUINO WORN DOWN BY FRUITLESS LEGAL MANEUVERINGS, SEEMS TO HAVE GIVEN UP FIGHT -- TOLD FRIENDS THERE COMES TIME WHEN MAN "MUST PREFER A MEANVNGFUL DEATH TO A MEANINGLESS LIFE." THEREFORE REVERSES MARCOS' QUESTION ABOUT VALUE OF US SECURITY TIE -- ASKS ARE US LONG-TERM INTERESTS BEST SERVED BY RELYING MILITARILY ON REGIMES N WHICH OVERCOME OPPOSITION BY BRUTAL SUPPRESSION?

13. CHINA

GLOBE AND MAIL'S BURNS IN PEKING (CSM) CITES SOURCES CLOSE TO SOVIETS THAT NO PROGRESS IN DEADLOCKED BORDER TALKS NOW IN RECESS; PRINCIPAL OBSTACLES REMAINS PRC INSISTENCE ON WITHDRAWAL SOVIET TROOPS FROM DISPUTED BORDER AREAS, WHICH SOVIETS OPPOSE BECAUSE WOULD UNDERMINE CLAIM AREAS "INDISPUTABLY" OWN TERRITORY.

SUN'S WU IN HK SEES POTENTIAL INTL DISPUTE LOOMING OVER OCCUPATION OF SPRATLEY ISLANDS IN OIL-RICH S CHINA SEA BY REVOLUTIONARY GOVT OF SVN IN CLOSING DAYS OF WAR -- CLAIMED BY CHINA, TAIWAN, SVN, PHILIPPINES.

NYT SPECIAL (HK 5/5) DESCRIBES GREATER USE PRC UNCLASSIFIED

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MAKING OF DEPUTY PREMIERS SINCE JANUARY, WHEN NUMBER INCREASED FROM TWO TO TWELVE. OBSERVES KIM IL-SUNG WELCOMED BY TENG HSIAO-PING. NOTES KIM VISIT PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR MAO RETURN PEKING AFTER 8-MONTH ABSENCE, SEEMING PUT HIM IN SAME PLACE WITH CHOU EN-LAI FOR FIRST TIME IN ALMOST YEAR. ADDS ACCOUNT RECENTLY AVAILABLE IN HK OF UNANNOUNCED POLITBURO MEETING ABOUT END OF LAST YEAR SUGGESTS MAO, CHOU BOTH ATTENDED -- AND COMMUNICATED WITH REASONABLE CANDOR EVEN THOUGH IMPRESSION LEFT MAO AND STANCHEST SUPPORTERS IN MINORITY. ACCOUNT SHOWS MAO CONCEDED MAY BE PERSONALLY FALLIBLE, BUT REVOLUTIONARY VALUES ARE NOT; PRAISED TENG AS PRACTICAL MAN, BUT STRESSED "BOURGEOIS REVISIONISM," FOR WHICH TENG PURGED DURING GPCR, REMAINS MENANCE.

14. HONG KONG

CSM'S UNGER STATES PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED BE SHOWN QUEEN DURING HK VISIT HAVE IMPRESSIVE EXTERIORS THAT SHIELD "VERTICAL SLUMS." OBSERVES POPULATION, HOUSING PRESSURES MAY BE BREAKING DOWN TRADITIONALLY

STRONG CHINESE FAMILY UNIT, AS SEEN IN TRIPLING OF
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, VIOLENT CRIME SINCE 1969.

15. NEW ZEALAND

CSM'S WEDERELL IN WELLINGTON NOTES NZ DROPPING CONTROVERSIAL
OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT ENACTED IN 1951 DURING COLD WAR,
AND INTRODUCING NEW ONE. IMPETUS PROVIDED BY TRIAL,
ACQUITTAL, OF PROMINENT CIVIL SERVANT, DR. WM. SUTCH,

ON CHARGE OBTAINING INFORMATION OF POSSIBLE USE TO ENEMY
-- BASED ON FACT HE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH SOVIET
DIPLOMAT LAST YEAR.

16. GENERAL

NYDN WIEGHART/JACKMAN (MAY 4) SEE GKR, GVN FALL
GIVING DOMINO THEORY STERN TEST. SAY REMAINS TO BE
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SEEN WHETHER THAIS CAN "PULL ANOTHER LAST-MINUTE
REVERSAL," BUT IN ANY EVENT, THEY WILL PROBABLY
FIND SELVES IN HANOI'S ORBIT FOR SOME TIME. NO
MAJOR IMPACT ON MALAYSIA FROM COMMUNIST VICTORIES IN
INDOCHINA, UNLESS LOCAL INSURGENTS ABLE RECRUIT
NATIVE MALAYSIAN LEADERSHIP; GOM MAY DECIDE EASE
OVER TO MORE NEUTRALIST STANCE, HOWEVER, JUST TO BE
ON SAFE SIDE. SINGAPORE IS ONE BRIGHT SPOT. LEE
RIDICULES DOMINO THEORY AS "OLD HASH"; UNDER HIS
LEADERSHIP, COUNTRY HAS RETAINED -- EVEN IMPROVED --
POSITION AS CROSSROADS OF ASIA AND MODEL OF DYNAMIC
DEVELOPMENT. INDONESIA IS SOMEWHAT PROTECTED BY
SEA FROM DIRECT INDOCHINA PRESSURE, BUT EXTENT OF
ARCHIPELAGO PLUS LOOSE CENTRAL GOVT CONTROL AND
CHRONIC ECON DIFFICULTIES COULD MAKE SOME OF WEAKER
ISLAND CHAIN LINKS VULNERABLE TO COMMUNIST INROADS.
AS FOR PHILIPPINES, MARCOS' THREAT TO TAKE OVER US
BASES, OUST US SERVICEMEN, IS PROBABLY NOT AS SERIOUS
AS MADE OUT TO BE. BUT GOP CORRUPTION AND MARCOS
HARSH REPRESSION COULD OPEN DOOR TO POPULAR UPRISING
WHICH COMMUNISTS WOULD EXPLOIT.

WITH EXCEPTION JAPAN, SK IS STRONGEST PRO-US BASTION
ON ASIAN-PACIFIC RIM. NO SIGN PARK WOULD FAVOR ANY
REDUCTION IN US TROOP LEVEL -- AND INDOCHINA EVENTS
APPEAR TO HAVE STRENGTHENED US POSITION IN SK, AND
PARK'S AUTHORITARIANISM, BECAUSE RAISE THREAT OF NK
INVASION AND DRAW ALL SK ELEMENTS CLOSER. US WILL HAVE
TO STAND FAST IN SK OR FACE TOTAL LOSS OF CREDIBILITY
AROUND WORLD. US-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP NOT SIGNIFICANTLY
ALTERED BY INDOCHINA EVENTS, ALTHOUGH COULD AWAKEN
LONG-DORMANT JAPANESE MILITARISM. KISSINGER

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